

Fishing for Sea Spider Through the Ice



Fishing for the sea spider at Nome, Alaska, means a little more than putting on the bait and waiting for results. It means cutting a hole through ice, ranging in thickness from 3 to 5 feet. A 30 to 50-foot line is used, with fish as bait. The meat of this species of crab is very sweet and is considered a great delicacy.

Protecting the Young From Reptiles



Owing to the vast numbers of boa constrictors, deadly scorpions and poisonous insects in central Borneo, the wild men there take extraordinary precautions to protect young children, according to Frederick Buringham, the American explorer. There are no rattles there. Instead, the children are swaddled up so that they cannot fall and are hung up, as the photograph shows, on a rattan vine stretched from one tree to another.

Los Angeles Detectives Wear Masks



Chief of Police Pendegast of Los Angeles, has ordered his detectives to wear masks when identifying prisoners, so that their faces will not become familiar to criminals.

Teaching Them to Be Real Americans



Scene in a classroom in the plant of the Griffin Wheel company, Chicago, where alien employees are being taught the English language and American governmental ideals, so they can obtain their citizenship papers.

ALL AROUND THE GLOBE

Less than one-third of the world's population use bread as a daily food. The refuse from the streets of Rome and other Italian cities is sold by auction.

Weighting a ton and a half, a leather belt built in Philadelphia to transmit 1,000 horsepower is said to be the largest in the world.

Andrew Malcolm Morrison, who gave his age as one hundred years, recently obtained a license at Los Angeles to marry Mary August Barney, who said she was seventy-two.

Sturgeons are the weakest of all fish in proportion to their size. A sturgeon weighing more than a ton is helpless if attacked by a small swordfish.

Apparatus has been invented that records the speed made by a locomotive at each point in a run, where it stops and how long and where it is reversed.

Penguins swim with their wings, using their feet as rudders.

It is proposed to adopt the airplane to promote discoveries in darkest Africa.

As Spitzbergen sometimes is isolated from the rest of the world for eight months at a time it has been provided with a radio station.

The jewels in the possession of the Greek church are said to be worth more than the collections of all the crowned heads of Europe.

The London fire department has recently experimented successfully with a portable wireless telephone outfit, the aerial of which is attached to a lamp post.

Smolen Island, near Kristiansund, Norway, is a flat spot of land possessed of numerous areas of peat bog. It is doubtful whether there is anywhere a better location for the production of peat in large quantities.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

BY MARY GRAHAM BONNER

NEW YEAR'S PARTY.

"We're awake now," said the stars. "We've been having a long sleep. We've slept all day," they laughed.

"And now you are ready for the New Year's party?" asked the Fairy Queen.

"All ready," they said.

"Cheers," said the Fairy Queen. "Are you ready with the music, Fairy Ybab?"

"All ready, dear Fairy Queen," she said in her lovely musical voice. She looked lovelier than ever.

Her long black hair was tied back with a large silver bow and on her head she wore a crown of silver and blue.

"And all the fairies are ready, too," said Fairy Princess Twilight Bell.

"Every one of them," said Fairy Princess Joy.

"All," said the Fairy Queen. "It is so lovely to give a New Year's party and to know that another year is coming with joy and happiness in it for everyone. Ah, I am so happy. Life is so good; the years are so good and each New Year is so welcome though we still can think back of the good times we did have in the Old Year."

Just then there came the sound of many drums and then the sound of many brass instruments and then some violins began to play and some-

horns and flutes joined in and a happy chorus could be heard.

Fairy Ybab came along with all the fairy musicians with her.

"Happy New Year to all," they sang and the orchestra began to play such gay and happy tunes.

Just then came along an old man with a tired look on his face but a happy look, too.

"Good-by, Fairies," he called. "I'm tired and must rest now for my work is done. But I've had so much happiness in being with you all. Good-by, my friends."

"Good-by, Old Year," they called. "We've loved you, Old Year; you've been good to us. So many places you've brought happiness to and we're so glad you've been with us for twelve whole months."

"That was the time I was supposed to stay and I stayed just the length of time I was supposed to stay, no more, no less. Good-by again! I must be off."

Then there came the sound of many whistles and trumpets and horns and bells.

"The New Year is coming in," said the Queen of the Fairies.

And as she said that, along there came a shining and bounding and humming and running a beautiful young creature upon whose feet there were wings and in whose arms were great packages, the most enormous packages you ever saw.

"Hello, New Year," all the Fairies called.

"Hello, everybody," said the New Year. "I was given these wings for my feet, for everyone was afraid I might be late. But I hurried! I wasn't going to be late. I know it now I would never do for the New Year to be late."

"And I'm here on time."

"And why did you bring so many bundles with you?" asked the Queen of the Fairies.

"Ah," said the New Year, "these are the bundles of joy, surprises and happiness and pleasures and successes and all those things which I'm going to give the people this year."

"I've only brought a few of the great big things. The Twelve-Month gentlemen will bring many, many more. But some of the most important and the biggest of all the great happinesses which will come while I'm around I have to bring myself."

"Oh, New Year, dear Happy New Year, how glad we are to see you!" and all they danced and sang and they sang this song together while the orchestra led by Fairy Ybab played the music.

Happy New Year we all say, When a New Year comes our way, And we hope that every day, Will be happy and merry and gay!

Within the Law.

The farmer was angry at a group of boys who had trespassed on his property. To the youngest who carried a sign, he said: "Don't you see that sign there? Can't you read?" and he pointed to a notice which ran: "No Fun in Aloud."

"That's all right, mister," replied the boy, glancing at the sign. "We're in a read—this here is an argun."

—Boston Transcript.

Measuring Love.

Something is wrong with the friendship which is always worrying for fear it will not get all it deserves. As soon as we begin to measure our love and service, for fear we should go beyond what is necessary, then our love loses meaning. Give, regardless of what you have received.—Girls' Companion.

Unhealthy for Young.

Easy street may be a desirable location for old age, but it is unhealthy for the young.

More Speed.

"Firewater has been the means of destroying the noble red man."

"Yes," replied Uncle Bill Bottletop; "but it was slow work. If they had waited for this bootleg stuff, the noble red man would have gone much faster."

Getting the Goat.

"I see that this goat gland operation for the renewing of youth has been known about for a long time."

"Yes, it is a very old idea."—Caricatures Magazine.

Today's Geography



PALESTINE: PIGMY LAND WITH A GIANT HISTORY

The historic Holy Land where moved the Nazarene whose birth will be commemorated around the world this week, is characterized as "a tiny little country," by Viscount James Bryce, in a communication to the National Geography Society.

"Though the traveler's hand books prepare him to find Palestine small, it surprises him by being smaller than he expected. Taking it as the region between the Mediterranean on the west and the Jordan and Dead sea on the east, from the spurs of Lebanon and Hermon on the north to the desert at Beersheba on the south, it is only 130 miles long and 50 to 60 broad—that is to say, it is smaller than New Jersey."

"Of this region large parts did not really belong to ancient Israel. Their hold on the southern and northern districts was but slight, while in the southwest, a wide and rich plain along the Mediterranean was occupied by the warlike Philistines, who were sometimes more than a match for the Hebrew armies. Israel had, in fact, little more than the hill country, which lay between the Jordan on the east and the maritime plain on the west. King David, in the days of his power, looked down from the hill cities of Benjamin, just north of Jerusalem, upon Philistine enemies, only 25 miles off, on the one side, and looked across the Jordan to Moabite enemies, about as far off, on the other."

"Nearly all the events in the history of Israel that are recorded in the Old Testament happened within a territory no bigger than the state of Connecticut, whose area is 4,800 square miles; and into hardly any other country has there been crowded from the days of Abraham till our own, so much history—that is to say, so many events that have been recorded and which are so important in the annals of mankind."

"Nor is it only that Palestine is really a small country. The traveler constantly feels as he moves about that it is a small country. From the heights, a few miles north of Jerusalem, he sees, looking northward, a few clouds, sweeping enormous masses of earth and rock. Then there appeared a group of rocks, ever growing higher and wider until an area of several square miles was contained in this 'one man's land.' Later it was shattered, and subsided, as the result of more earthquakes."

The Azores comprise three groups of islands. Their total area is less than that of Rhode Island; their population about equal to that of Kansas City, Mo. Most of the inhabitants are Portuguese. The rest are English and Moorish, with a few immigrants from the United Kingdom.

Fruits and fish constitute the principal exports. Oranges are supplanting pineapples, but the other products—lemons, citron, Japanese medlar, and bananas—maintain their popularity. The principal fish are the mullet, turbot, and bonito.

Saint Michael, largest island of the group, has lava beds, caves which may be traversed for miles, and a mammoth crater with two jeweled lakes—one warm, the other eternal—at its bottom.

On Santa Maria is the church where Columbus knelt. Off Terceira a submarine volcano made its appearance as recently as half a century ago. On Corvo have been unearthed coins which connect the island with the Arabian geographer of the twelfth century described islands of the "Western Ocean" thought to have been the Azores.

About the middle of the fifteenth century the Portuguese sent expeditions to settle upon them. One island, Fayal, was presented by Alphonse V of Portugal, to his aunt, Isabella, duchess of Burgundy. It was upon her marriage to Philip the Good, duke of Burgundy, that he founded the famous knightly order of the Golden Fleece.

In 1522 supporters of Maria da Gloria against Miguel, in the struggle for the Portuguese crown, established themselves on the islands, and for the three years following Queen Maria José of Angola, one of the sovereigns of importance. Others are Santa Delgada and Horta.

BESSARABIA: A CONEY ISLAND OF HISTORY

Bessarabia, recently assigned to the suzerainty of Rumania, has long been a racial cauldron.

Her population was more than 2,000,000 before the war, and included Moldavians, Little Russians, Jews, Bulgarians, Greeks, Armenians, Tartars, Germans, and Gypsies; but that last is short compared with the encyclopedic procession of Getae, Goths, Avars, Huns, Bessi (whence her name), Ugrians, Kumanians, and Mongols, to mention but a few, since the days of the original Chimerians.

For Bessarabia, sloping southward from the westward foothills of the Carpathians, between the Dniester and Pruth, down to the Black sea and Danube delta, lay in the normal geo-

graphical pathway of tribes pushing westward from Asia and southward from the bleak Russian steppes toward the warmer meadowlands. Moreover, Bessarabia is at the convergence of these two history-beaten paths, and many times a clash ensued to decide which group should pass through the "neck of the bottle" toward Europe's lands of milk and honey.

Among the most harrowing of the invasions was that of the Mongols in the fourteenth century. They came across the Volga under Batu, grandson of that Mongol Charlemagne, Jenghis Kahn, and though there is no complete story of their depredations in Bessarabia, that region probably suffered atrocities similar to others which are recorded in harrowing detail. At Ryzan women and children were used as targets in bow-and-arrow contests; slivers of wood were driven under the nails of the men; then they were corralled in churches to watch their women being tortured, and finally roasted alive. Another city, Kozelsk, was named Mohalg, "City of Woe," and Kiev was laid waste after her people had been maltreated and murdered.

A picture of peaceful, pastoral Bessarabia prior to the renewed ravages of the World War, furnishes a pleasing contrast. A delight to the few tourists who went through the region, were the Moldavian homes.

A Moldavian interior was warm and vivid. Brightly-colored curtains and hangings were used. An inevitable decoration were rows of yellow gourds, the raising of which is one of the minor Bessarabian industries. The people are deeply religious. Each orthodox home had its altar, facing eastward, sacred bread beneath the shade of a cross before it. Even the altars were colorful because of their draperies and candles; and many times they were laden with flowers. The Bessarabian women are sprightly, bright-eyed, and pretty.

Moldavians constituted about half the inhabitants of Bessarabia. Rumania, it will be recalled, was formed by the union of Moldavia and Wallachia; hence the adjoining Bessarabia, with its large Moldavian population, long has been the "Mediterranean" of Rumania.

The Bermudas suggest the adventures of Robinson Crusoe in their colonization and present in their later chronology a curious parallel to United States history, with the events preceded by a number of years.

The Robinson Crusoe comparison intrudes because the island was discovered and later settled as the direct result of shipwrecks, and the settlers had to build themselves a bar to set sail again.

As for the participation of American history on a miniature scale, in many ways it is not surprising. It may be noted that the colonization took place seven years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, Mass.; that witches were burned, Quakers were persecuted, and miscreants were ducked before similar occurrences are recorded in New England, and that slavery was abolished in 1834. The Bermudian protested long before 1776 against the mother country's rule, until the island was overthrown; but relief came in their case not through a declaration of freedom, but by the accession of Queen Victoria.

So acute was the need for powder in 1775 that George Washington wrote to the governor of Rhode Island that "no quantity, however small, is beneath notice." Learning that there was a store in Bermuda, and that the islanders were anxious to have the embargo lifted upon shipment of food supplies from the colonies, Washington addressed a letter to the people of the island, who had shown themselves sympathetic with the American revolutionaries, promising them ample supply of provisions and "every other mark of affection and friendship which the grateful citizens of a free country, can bestow on its brethren and benefactors" if they would make this ammunition available for the Continental army.

It so happened that the powder had been procured before the letter was delivered, and with it the Continental army compelled the British to evacuate Boston.

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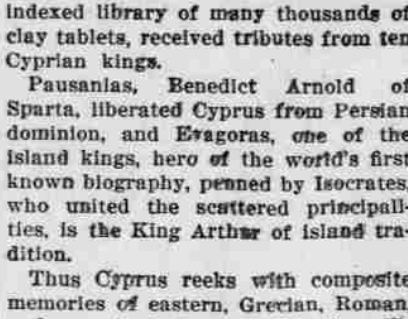
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The North River



How many, even of old New York, know just why the lower part of the Hudson is called the North River?

The New York Sun and Herald says: "The North River is the historic name of the lower course of the river which flows between Manhattan and the Jerseys. It was north of the Dutch settlements in New Jersey, just as the Delaware was south, and the two rivers were known to them as the North River and the South River, respectively."

And the Sun and Herald comments: "This persistence of the alternate names of the river is one of the local idiosyncrasies of this big town, which is such a curious mixture of oldness and newness, of the ripe fruit and the raw material."—From the Outlook.

Years Added to Human Life.

Two hundred years ago the average person lasted only 20 years on this danger-infested globe. Half a century

ago the average life line had stretched to 40 years, and now it is estimated to have reached fifty years. It is true that in the days when germs flourished unheeded some folks lived to be one hundred years and more, but barely died by the thousand, and surgery was in the saw-and-hammer stage, when to perform a major operation was practically murder. Today, if you get stabbed in the heart a surgeon coolly opens you up, takes out your heart in his hand, repairs it and sews it in as good as ever.

Large Argentine Province.

The province of Entre Rios, Argentina, has an area of 29,241 square miles, or a little greater than the combined area of the three states of Massachusetts, New Jersey and Maryland.

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